

ABSTRACT

The invention relates to vehicle theft prevention. The invention provides a pneumatic method of preventing the theft of drawn load carriers such as wagons/trailers and semitrailers. Some embodiments of invention comprise a wheeled load carrier of the type fitted with spring-closed pneumatically-opened brakes, the carrier being connectable to a motorized truck section, the carrier having an anti-theft protection device, which when deployed inhibits the unlocking of air-release spring-operated wheel brakes of the carrier, the device including a lockable air valve inserted into a compressed air line connecting a source of compressed air to the brakes, closure of the valve preventing air passage for release of the brakes and opening of the valve allowing passage for compressed air to release the brakes.